

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3282

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THE SECRETARY'S MARCH 9 CONVERSATION WITH ASAD THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF US POLICY TOWARDS THE ETHIOPIAN-ERITREAN DISPUTE. THE SECRETARY PROMISED TO ADVISE ASAD OF ETHIOPIAN REACTION TO AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S PRESENTATION OF HIS INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS. ASAD WAS CLEARLY INTERESTED HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS IN THIS PROSPECT.

2. HOPE I MAY BE IN POSITION BRIEF PRESIDENT ON THIS QUESTION SOON.  
MURPHY

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